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Docket : ZAHFRI P539US

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT FOR APPLICANT'S MISTAKE (37 CFR 1.323)

1. It is noted that an error appears in this patent of a

- ☒ clerical
- ☐ typographical
- ☐ minor

nature or character, as more fully described below. It occurred in good faith. Correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination. A certificate of correction is requested.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is Form PTO-1050, with at least one copy being suitable for printing.
3. The exact page and line number where the error occurs in the application file are:

Column 27, Claim 1, line 61 where the terms “the output shaft” should be “only a shaft”.

Column 28, Claim 10, line 37 replace “, the and” with “, and the”.

Please delete Figure 3 and replace that canceled Figure with the attached new Figure 3.

With respect to the correction of “the output shaft” to “only a shaft”, as is readily apparent in Figs. 3 and 7-12 of the drawings, only a shaft, namely, the input shaft (AN) penetrates, in an axially direction, at least one of the first planetary gear set (RS1) and the second planetary gear set (RS2) as claimed—that is, the output shaft (AB) does *not* penetrate either the first planetary gear set (RS1) or the second planetary gear set (RS2) in any embodiment of this application—see Figs 3 and 7-12.

Moreover, claim 2 which depends for claim 1 recites that “*the shaft*, which penetrates at least one of the first and the second planetary gear set (RS1, RS2) in the axial direction, *is the input drive shaft (AN)*” (Emphasis added.) This dependent claim indicates that the terms “the output shaft” is clearly incorrect in claim 1 and this language clearly was clearly intended to be *only a shaft* and not *the output shaft*. As such, the output shaft can not be the shaft “which penetrates at least one of the first and the second planetary gear set (RS1, RS2) in the axial direction” and claim 1 thus contains an obvious clerical error. As shown by the state of the art (i.e., the Prior Art) in Fig. 1, three shafts (namely, AN, 530, 230) penetrate, in an axially direction, at least the first planetary gear set (RS1) while one shaft (AN) penetrates, in an axially direction, the second planetary gear set (RS2). The present invention relates to an arrangement wherein *only one shaft* penetrates at least one of the first and the second planetary gear set (RS1, RS2) in the axial direction and is an advancement over the Prior Art of Fig. 1.

With respect to Fig. 13, the specification states in column 24, lines 55-58, that according to Fig. 13, in contrast to Fig. 3, “the internal gear HO1 of the first planetary gear set RS1 and the spider ST2 of the second planetary gear set RS2 and the output drive shaft AB are continually bound to one another.” That is all three of these components are integral with one another and Fig. 13 is amended to be consistent with such disclosure. It is to be appreciated that Fig. 13, as currently on file, is clearly incorrect since the input shaft (AN) is integral with the output shaft (AB)—if this were the case than none of the gears would be available. Fig. 13 is thus amended to overcome an obvious drawing error.

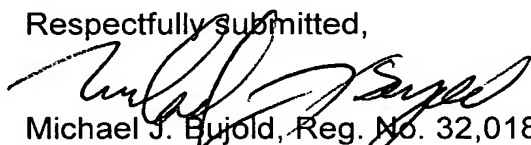
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